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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A METAL

TRACE WITH REDUCED RF

IMPEDANCE RESULTING FROM THE

SKIN EFFECT (as amended)

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification which begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks which begin on page 8 of this paper.